

AGENDA ITEM: Statewide Information Databases

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:

CURRENT STATUS:

Librarians' Index to the Internet (LII)

The LII Advisory Board met on July 26, 2001 to review goals and discuss plans for the coming year. Karen Schneider has been selected as the new manager of the LII. Karen is the author of the Internet Librarian column for Library Journal and is currently the Director of Technology, Shenendehowa Library in Clifton Park, NY.

Plans for the coming year include a marketing campaign to increase the use of the LII among Library of California members. Particular attention will be focused on school and community college librarians. *Information You Can Trust* has been chosen as a component of the branding identity. The advisory board will be expanded to include school and special library membership. A project to convert records to MARC format with Library of Congress subject headings continues with the goal of enabling incorporation of these records into local systems as desired.

Regions are encouraged to co-brand with the LII on their regional web pages; the Cascade Pacific region has done so at their site, <http://lii.org/cpln>. This year the LII staff will also explore making content from the LII available through the regional resource-sharing servers.

Cooperative Licensing Services

Additional announcements have been emailed to all regional library contacts alerting them to the availability of LoC funded memberships in Amigos Library Services for LoC members. The information was forwarded to all LoC members by the regions. Amigos has provided information on their web site specifically for LoC members who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity. Amigos made membership application forms available online and has assigned staff to answer inquiries from LoC members on their services. The California State Library/Library of California *Connection* newsletter recently featured an article on the new service. As of July 21 thirty two LoC members had signed up for Amigos memberships.

An advisory group has formed to assist staff in ensuring that services provided by Amigos meet the needs of LoC members and are provided in an effective manner. Staff are still soliciting volunteers from some regions to serve on the committee.

Library of California Periodicals/Serials Database

Discussions continue with the University of California's California Digital Library on the impact of the change in software platform for the CDL host. A Library Services and Technology Act application has been submitted to study the union serials database process for California and to recommend appropriate courses of action. The new CDL platform will begin testing in the next few months and should be fully operational in the Fall of 2002.

Full Text Periodical Cooperative Licensing Pilot

The Arroyo Seco Library Network committee for this project is completing final review of an offer from Gale Group for a choice of full text products. The committee and negotiator made special efforts to streamline historical pricing in place from the vendor to match current consortia offering. Preliminary analysis shows that libraries will benefit from reduced pricing or the ability to upgrade to a more robust product at current pricing. A complete report exploring the cost/benefit of this approach to cooperative licensing should be available for the next LoC Board meeting.

Relevant Committee: Support Services

Staff Liaison: Ira Bray